

WAUKEGAN **P**ARK DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

**Young People's Concert features Leopold Mozart's *Toy Symphony*
Saturday, February 25, 2017
11am
Trapp Auditorium, Waukegan High School Brookside Campus**

Waukegan, IL (February 23, 2017) –The Waukegan Park District is once again pleased to present the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra's Young People's Concert. This annual event provides an opportunity for families to experience the beauty of the symphony orchestra in a fun and hands on way. The concert enables youngsters to converse with musicians, explore their musical instruments, experience their sounds, and appreciate their place in an orchestra. The program is an important introduction on a musical continuum for youngsters that include Waukegan School District 60 elementary and high school music programs as well as private lessons at the Jack Benny Center for the Arts. Did you know that last year the Waukegan Public School District 60's music program placed third in the state with the music performances of the Waukegan High School orchestras, choruses, and bands? Certainly, Waukegan is home to fine musicians, young people as well as adults.

The Young People's Concert welcomes children to experience a concert free of charge and takes place at 11am at the Waukegan High School Brookside Campus, Trapp Auditorium on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Tickets for adults cost \$5. At the

conclusion of the concert, the families are invited to come onto the stage, talk with the musicians and may have the chance to play an instrument.

The performance includes the Vivaldi's Concerto in C Major for Two Trumpets which is considered to be typical of Vivaldi's writing (Vivaldi was a music teacher). The audience will experience a "dramatic dialogue" between the soloist and the orchestra as they listen to this piece. Concerto in C Major was written when trumpets were not what is seen today as the instrument did not have valves and the music depended on the musicians' lip control, talent and ability. Two Waukegan musicians, Dr. David Eikenberry and Mr. Glenn Eikenberry, will perform this piece.

Children and adults alike will delight in Leopold Mozart's *Toy Symphony*. This musical work has parts for toy instruments and is found to be quite popular in children's concerts and at Christmastime.

About the Waukegan Park District

Established on December 26, 1916, the district has 48 sites and more than 735 acres of land, including the 18-hole Bonnie Brook and 9-hole Greenshire Golf Courses. Properties are managed to the highest environmental and conservation standards. Facilities operated by the district include the Field House Sports and Fitness Center, the Jack Benny Center for the Arts, the Waukegan SportsPark, the Waukegan Skate Park, the Waukegan BMX Track, recreational centers, an outdoor swimming pool, disc golf course, dog exercise area and agility course, outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, playgrounds, and sports courts including basketball, tennis and pickleball. A full range of programs and services are offered year round for all ages, from infants to seniors as well as special needs populations. Healthy lifestyles, wellness initiatives, and a connection with the outdoors and nature are integrated throughout programs, services, and special events. Cultural events are provided by the Waukegan Symphony Orchestra and Concert Chorus, and the Waukegan History Museum. There is something for everyone! The award-winning District employs 61 full-time and over 230 part-time, year round, seasonal, and temporary employees. The District is a member of the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD), and Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA). The district maintains national accreditation from the NRPA Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA), Illinois Association of Park Districts (IAPD) Distinguished Agency accreditation and Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA) accreditation and maintains a Level A

Loss Control Program. The district was a NRPA Gold Medal Finalist in 2012 and 2013, and awarded the NRPA National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management in 2013.

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